HOUSE BILL 469

By Crawford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 63, relative to telehealth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(g)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

- (3) An individual licensed in another state who would, if licensed in this state, qualify as a healthcare provider under subsection (a) may practice telehealth under this section:
 - (A) While providing healthcare services on a volunteer basis through a free clinic pursuant to title 63, chapter 6, part 7; or
 - (B) While providing healthcare services to a patient who cannot otherwise receive within this state the services the healthcare provider will provide, as long as the healthcare provider has filed a limited waiver request with the appropriate licensing authority that certifies that:
 - (i) The patient needs such services; and
 - (ii) To the best knowledge of the healthcare provider, other providers of the services are unavailable in this state.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.